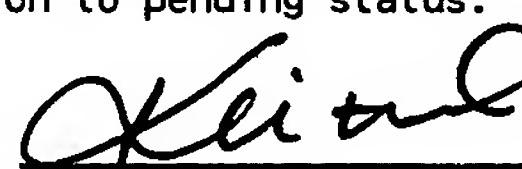


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/540,621 (unofficial)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/017014	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 26, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 27, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION NERVE REGENERATION-INDUCING TUBE		DATE November 8, 2005
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Nobutoshi DOI, Hideaki MURAHASHI and Kenichiro HATA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. [ ] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. [XX] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. [ ] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. [ ] The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. [ ] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))        a. [ ] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).        b. [ ] has been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. [ ] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).        (* pages and * sheets of drawings (Fig(s)). *-*).        a. [ ] is attached hereto.        b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. [ ] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))        a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.        d. [ ] have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. [ ] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. [ ] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. [XX] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. [ ] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. [ ] A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. [ ] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. [ ] A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. [ ] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. [ ] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. [ ] Other items or information:</p>		

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<p>The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>21. [ ] Basic National Stage Fee . . . . . \$300.00</p> <p>22. [ ] Examination fee If international preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) . . . . . \$100.00 All other situations . . . . . \$200.00</p> <p>23. [ ] Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority . . . . . \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office . . . . . \$400.00 All other situations . . . . . \$500.00</p>													
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 = \$ 0.00													
<p>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [XX] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p>													
<p>National Stage Application Size Fee - If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets, the application size fee due is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof.</p>													
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Total claims	- 20		x \$ 50.00	\$ 0.00									
Indep. claims	- 3		x \$ 200.00	\$ 0.00									
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)				+ \$ 360.00	\$ 0.00								
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<p>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.</p>													
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<p>Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$ 0.00</p>													
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<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to review (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>													
 Signature <u>Keiko Tanaka Kubovcik</u> Name <u>40,428</u> Registration Number <u>November 8, 2005</u> Date													
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